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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

09/733,433

**Applicant(s)**

HAINES ET AL.

**Examiner**

Mark E. Wallerson

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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**Part III DETAILED ACTION**

*Notice to Applicant(s)*

**Please note that a new Examiner has been assigned to this application.**

1. This action is responsive to the following communications: amendment filed on **9/2/04**.
2. This application has been reconsidered. Claims 1-31 are pending.

*Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. With respect to claims 1, 8, and 15, there is no disclosure in the original specification of **“automatically composing an electronic message without human intervention, the message including both the detected first and second status; and automatically transmitting the electronic message over a network without human intervention”** as claimed in amended claims 1, 8, and 15. If Applicant believes this rejection to be in error, Applicant is requested to provide SPECIFIC support for this subject matter in the original specification.

*Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

6. Claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hayward et al (Hayward) (U.S. 6,629,134).

With respect to claims 1 and 8, Hayward discloses a method of scheduling an event with respect to a hard copy output engine, comprising: detecting (detect) a first status (the state of the machine) of a first portion (e.g. paper tray empty) of the hard copy output engine (inherent that the peripheral 10 has a hard copy output engine) from a first sensor (sensors 12 or machine state 14) incorporated (includes) in the hard copy output engine (10, and col. 2, lines 8-16); detecting (detect) a second status (the state of the machine) of a second portion (inherent that to detect conditions e.g. paper tray empty can have another different condition) of the hard copy output engine (10) from a second sensor (sensors 12 or machine state 14) incorporated in the hard copy

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output engine (10, and col. 2, lines 8-16); automatically composing (launches reads on composing) an electronic message without user intervention (e-mail module) the message including the detected first and second status (detect conditions, col. 2, lines 8-16., col. 8, lines 17-23 and column 5, lines 10-18 and column 6, lines 5-57), and automatically transmitting (sending) the electronic message over a network without user intervention (e-mail; col. 8, lines 17-23 and column 6, lines 5-57).

With respect to claims 2, 9, and 16, Hayward discloses detecting a toner low status (column 5, lines 58-67).

With respect to claims 3 and 10, Hayward discloses the method wherein detecting a first or second status includes detecting a future need for preventative maintenance (which reads on Magenta ink level low) (column 5, lines 58-67 and column 7, lines 48-65).

With regard to claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, Hayward discloses sensing malfunction (error) conditions and preventative maintenance items (which reads on Magenta ink level low) (column 5, lines 10-18 and column 5, lines 58-67 and column 7, lines 48-65).

Regarding claims 6 and 13, Hayward discloses the method wherein the hard copy output engine is chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers and printers (see Fig. 3).

Regarding claims 7 and 14, Hayward discloses the method wherein transmitting the electronic message comprises transmitting an electronic message including a consumable order (col. 8, lines 17-23).

With respect to claims 15, 23, Hayward discloses a computer implemented control system for a hard copy output engine, the system comprising: a first sensor (sensors 12) coupled

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(see Fig. 1) to a first portion (conditions e.g. paper tray empty) of the hard copy output engine (inherent that the peripheral 10 has a hard copy output engine), the first sensor (12 or 14) being configured (to detect) to provide a first status (the state of the machine) of the first portion (e.g. paper tray empty; col. 2, lines 8-16); a second sensor (sensors 12 or 14) coupled (see Fig. 1) to a second portion (inherent that to detect conditions e.g. paper tray empty can have another different condition) of the hard copy output engine (10), the second sensor (12) being configured (to detect) to provide a second status (the state of the machine) of the second portion (col. 2, lines 8-16), and processing circuitry (firmware 16) coupled (see Fig. 1) to the first and second sensors (sensors 12) and configured to: detect the first status (detect conditions, col. 2, lines 8- 16), detect the second status (detect conditions, col. 2, lines 8-16); automatically composing (launches reads on composing) an electronic message without user intervention (e-mail module) the message including the detected first and second status (detect conditions, col. 2, lines 8-16., col. 8, lines 17-23 and column 5, lines 10-18 and column 6, lines 5-57), and automatically transmitting (sending) the electronic message over a network without user intervention (e-mail; col. 8, lines 17-23 and column 6, lines 5-57).

Regarding claim 17, Hayward discloses the computer implemented control system, wherein the processor is configured to detect a first or second status includes a processor configured to detect a future need for preventative maintenance (which reads on Magenta ink level low) (column 5, lines 58-67 and column 7, lines 48-65).

Regarding claim 20, Hayward discloses the computer implemented control system, wherein the processor configured to detect a first and second status comprises a processor

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configured to detect a first and second status of a hard copy output engine chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers and printers (see Fig. 3).

With respect to claims 21, 22, 26, and 29, Hayward discloses automatically composing an electronic message comprises adding the first and second status to a notification list (column 5, lines 10-14), and adding a notification list generated by a second hard copy engine (the peripheral may be a combination fax, copier and printer) (column 3, lines 44-53, column 6, lines 20-57).

With respect to claims 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, and 31, Hayward discloses logging the hours of operation (threshold in time) (column 8, lines 38-44) or the number of pages handled (column 8, lines 45-58) to determine when preventative maintenance is appropriate.

### ***Response to Arguments***

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark E. Wallerson whose telephone number is (703) 305-8581. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday - 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly Williams can be reached on (703) 305-4863. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Mark E. Wallerson, is written over the printed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.